



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

NEWPORT NEWS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JUSTIN THOMAS FARISH

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CRIMINAL NO. 4:23CR1

PLEA AGREEMENT

Jessica D. Aber, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Lisa R. McKeel, Assistant United States Attorney, the defendant, JUSTIN THOMAS FARISH, and the defendant's counsel, have entered into an agreement pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The terms of the agreement are as follows:

1. Offense and Maximum Penalties

The defendant, JUSTIN THOMAS FARISH, agrees to plead guilty to Counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment. Count 1 charges the defendant Coercion and Enticement, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b). The penalty for this offense is a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a maximum possible term of imprisonment of life, a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.00, full restitution, forfeiture of assets as outlined below, special assessments pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3013 and 3014, and a term of years not less than five (5), or life of supervised release. Count 3 charges the defendant with, Receipt of

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Child Pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a) (2). The penalty for this offense is a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five (5) years, a maximum possible term of imprisonment of 20 years, a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.00, full restitution, forfeiture of assets as outlined below, special assessments pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3013 and 3014, and a term of years not less than five (5), or life of supervised release. The defendant is aware that this supervised release term is in addition to any prison term the defendant may receive and that a violation of a term of supervised release could result in the defendant being returned to prison for the full term of supervised release.

2. Detention Pending Sentencing

The defendant understands that this case is governed by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3143(a)(2) and 3145 (c). These provisions provide that a judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense of this kind be detained unless there are statutory justifications why such person's detention would not be appropriate.

3. Factual Basis for the Plea

The defendant will plead guilty because the defendant is in fact guilty of the charged offense. The defendant admits the facts set forth in the Statement of Facts filed with this Plea Agreement and agrees that those facts establish guilt of the offense charged beyond a reasonable doubt. The Statement of Facts, which is hereby incorporated into this Plea Agreement, constitutes a stipulation of facts for purposes of Section 1B1.2(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines.

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4. Assistance and Advice of Counsel

The defendant is satisfied that the defendant's attorney has rendered effective assistance. The defendant understands that by entering into this agreement, defendant surrenders certain rights as provided in this agreement. The defendant understands that the rights of criminal defendants include the following:

- a. the right to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea;
- b. the right to a jury trial;
- c. the right to be represented by counsel - and if necessary have the court appoint counsel - at trial and at every other stage of the proceedings; and
- d. the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from compelled self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.

5. Sentencing Guidelines, Recommendations and Roles

The defendant understands that the Court has jurisdiction and authority to impose any sentence within the statutory maximum described above but that the Court will determine the defendant's actual sentence in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a). The defendant understands that the Court has not yet determined a sentence and that any estimate of the advisory sentencing range under the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Sentencing Guidelines Manual the defendant may have received from the defendant's counsel, the United States or the Probation Office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on the United States, the Probation Office or the Court. Additionally, pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision in *United*

States v. Booker, 125 S.Ct. 738 (2005), the Court, after considering the factors set forth in Title 18 United States Code, Section 3553(a), may impose a sentence above or below the advisory sentencing range, subject only to review by higher courts for reasonableness. The United States makes no promise or representation concerning what sentence the defendant will receive and the defendant cannot withdraw a guilty plea based upon the actual sentence.

6. Waiver of Appeal, FOIA and Privacy Act Rights

The defendant also understands that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords a defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed. Nonetheless, the defendant knowingly waives the right to appeal the conviction and any sentence within the statutory maximum described above (or the manner in which that sentence was determined) on the grounds set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 or on any ground whatsoever, in exchange for the concessions made by the United States in this plea agreement. This agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742(b). The defendant also hereby waives all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request or receive from any department or agency of the United States any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including without limitation any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, or the Privacy Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a.

7. Waiver of DNA Testing

The defendant also understands that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3600 affords a defendant the right to request DNA testing of evidence after conviction. Nonetheless, the

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defendant knowingly waives that right. The defendant further understands that this waiver applies to DNA testing of any items of evidence in this case that could be subjected to DNA testing, and that the waiver forecloses any opportunity to have evidence submitted for DNA testing in this case or in any post-conviction proceeding for any purpose, including to support a claim of innocence to the charges admitted in this plea agreement.

8. Special Assessment

Before sentencing in this case, the defendant agrees to pay a mandatory special assessment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per count of conviction, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013(a)(2)(A).

The defendant understands and agrees that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014, if the Court should find that the defendant is non-indigent, the Court shall assess a special assessment of \$5,000 per count of conviction on the defendant. However, the special assessment shall not be payable until the defendant has satisfied all outstanding court-ordered fines, orders of restitution, and any other obligation related to victim-compensation arising from the criminal convictions on which the special assessment is based.

The defendant further understands and agrees that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2259A, in addition to any other criminal penalty, restitution, or special assessment authorized by law, the Court shall impose on the defendant any applicable special assessments per count of conviction for each offense listed in Section 2259A(a) after considering the factors set forth in Sections 3553(a) and 3572. However, imposition of an assessment under Section 2259A does not relieve a defendant of, or entitle a defendant to reduce the amount of any other penalty by the amount of

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the assessment. Any money received from a defendant shall be disbursed based on the sequence listed in Section 2259A(d)(2).

9. Restitution

Defendant agrees that restitution is mandatory pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259 and 2429. Defendant agrees to the entry of a Restitution Order for the full amount of the victims' losses as those losses are defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259(c)(2) and 2429(b)(3), with reference to § 2259(c)(2). Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(3), defendant agrees that victims of the conduct described in the Indictment, Statement of Facts or any related or similar conduct are victims within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259(c) and 2429(d) and are entitled to restitution. The defendant understands that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 2259(b)(2)(B), the Court must order restitution to each victim in an amount not less than \$3,000. The parties acknowledge that determination of the identities, addresses and loss amounts for all victims in this matter is a complicated and time-consuming process. To that end, defendant agrees, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(d)(5), that the court may defer the imposition of restitution until after the sentencing; however, defendant specifically waives the 90-day provision found at 18 U.S.C. § 3664(d)(5) and consents to the entry of any orders pertaining to restitution after sentencing without limitation.

10. Payment of Monetary Penalties

The defendant understands and agrees that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3613 and 18 U.S.C. § 3572, all monetary penalties imposed by the Court, including restitution, will be due immediately and subject to immediate enforcement by the United States as provided for in Section 3613. If the Court imposes a schedule of payments, the defendant understands that the schedule of payments

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is merely a minimum schedule of payments and not the only method, nor a limitation on the methods, available to the United States to enforce the judgment. Until all monetary penalties are paid in full, the defendant will be referred to the Treasury Offset Program so that any federal payment or transfer of returned property to the defendant will be offset and applied to pay the defendant's unpaid monetary penalties. If the defendant is incarcerated, the defendant agrees to participate voluntarily in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, regardless of whether the Court specifically directs participation or imposes a schedule of payments. Defendant agrees to make good-faith efforts toward payment of all monetary penalties imposed by the Court.

11. Immunity from Further Prosecution in this District

The United States will not further criminally prosecute the defendant in the Eastern District of Virginia for the specific conduct described in the ~~Superseding~~ ^{YLM J14 SF} Indictment or Statement of Facts. This Plea Agreement and Statement of Facts does not confer on the defendant any immunity from prosecution by any state government in the United States.

12. Dismissal of Other Counts

As a condition of the execution of this agreement and the Court's acceptance of the defendant's plea of guilty, the United States will move to dismiss the remaining counts of the ~~Superseding~~ ^{YLM J14 SF} Indictment against the defendant at the conclusion of this defendant's sentencing hearing.

13. Forfeiture Agreement

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The defendant understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the sentence that must be imposed in this case. The defendant agrees to forfeit all interests in any child pornography and exploitation-related assets that the defendant owns or over which the defendant exercises control, directly or indirectly. This includes: (1) any visual depictions constituting child pornography as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2253 or 2256, or any medium containing such depictions; (2) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to, derived from, fungible with, or a substitute for, gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offense(s) of conviction; and (3) as well as any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offense(s) of conviction, or any property traceable to such property. The property subject to forfeiture includes, but is not limited to, the following specific property:

- a. Samsung cell phone, Model SM-S908U, Android ID 4a8372fd9a6b2508;
- b. Windows Surface Tablet, Product ID: 00330-80000-00000-AA672;
- c. Shield Tablet, IMEI 355263060310096;
- d. Samsung cell phone, Model SM-900V; and
- e. Samsung SD card.

The defendant agrees to the forfeiture of the aforementioned assets in their entirety, including all data contained on the aforementioned assets. The defendant understands that, if the property subject to forfeiture is not available to the United States to be forfeited, the Court must enter a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of the unavailable property and/or forfeit substitute assets. *See United States v. Blackman*, 746 F.3d 137, 143 (4th Cir. 2014). The defendant further agrees to waive all interest in the asset(s) in any administrative or judicial forfeiture proceeding,

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whether criminal or civil, state or federal. The defendant agrees to consent to the entry of orders of forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant admits and agrees that the conduct described in the charging instrument and Statement of Facts provides a sufficient factual and statutory basis for the forfeiture of the property sought by the government.

14. Waiver of Further Review of Forfeiture

The defendant further agrees to waive all constitutional and statutory challenges in any manner to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with this Plea Agreement on any grounds, including that the forfeiture constitutes an excessive fine or punishment. The defendant also waives any failure by the Court to advise the defendant of any applicable forfeiture at the time the guilty plea is accepted as required by Rule 11(b)(1)(J). The defendant agrees to take all steps as requested by the United States to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United States and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding. The defendant understands and agrees that all property covered by this agreement is subject to forfeiture as proceeds of illegal conduct, property facilitating illegal conduct, property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture, and substitute assets for property otherwise subject to forfeiture.

15. The Defendant's Obligations Regarding Assets and Financial Investigation

The defendant agrees to fully participate in the United States' pre- and post-judgment financial investigation. Such participation includes the identification of assets in which the defendant has any legal or equitable interest to determine what assets may be available for payment

to restitution, forfeiture, and/or any fine imposed in this case. The defendant agrees that the defendant's financial information is subject to investigation and disclosure pre-judgment to the same extent as financial information will be subject to discovery after judgment is imposed. The defendant understands that 31 U.S.C. § 3711(h)(1) permits the United States to obtain the defendant's credit report after sentencing and expressly authorizes the United States to obtain the defendant's credit report prior to sentencing in this case. The defendant understands that the United States has sole discretion over whether it will obtain defendant's credit report pursuant to this Plea Agreement. If the United States determines that it will obtain defendant's credit report prior to sentencing pursuant to this Plea Agreement, the defendant authorizes the United States, and the United States agrees, to provide a copy to defense counsel upon request. The defendant understands that failure to participate in the financial investigation as described in this paragraph may constitute the defendant's failure to accept responsibility under U.S.S.G § 3E1.1.

Within 14 days of a request by the United States, or other deadline agreed upon by the parties, the defendant agrees to provide all information about all of the defendant's assets and financial interests to the United States and the Probation Office and, if requested, submit to a debtor's examination, complete a financial disclosure statement under penalty of perjury, and/or undergo any polygraph examination the United States may choose to administer concerning such assets and financial interests. The defendant also agrees to provide or consent to the release of the defendant's tax returns for the previous five years. The defendant understands that assets and financial interests subject to disclosure include assets owned or held directly or indirectly, individually or jointly, in which the defendant has any legal interests, regardless of title, including

any interest held or owned under any other name, trusts, and/or business entities presently and since date of the first offense giving rise to this Plea Agreement, or giving rise to the charges presently pending against the defendant, whichever is earlier.

The defendant shall identify all assets valued at more than \$5,000 that have been transferred to third parties since the date of the first offense giving rise to this Plea Agreement, including the location of the assets and the identities of third parties to whom they were transferred. The defendant agrees not to transfer any assets valued at more than \$5,000 without approval of the Asset Recovery Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office until the fine, forfeiture, and restitution ordered by the Court at sentencing are paid in full or otherwise terminated by operation of law. The defendant agrees to take all steps requested by the United States to obtain from any other parties by any lawful means any records of assets contemplated by this paragraph in which the defendant has or had an interest. Until the fine, forfeiture, and restitution ordered by the Court are paid in full or otherwise terminated by operation of law, the defendant agrees to notify the Asset Recovery Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office of a change in address within 30 days of such change.

The United States will not use any truthful and complete information provided by the defendant pursuant to this paragraph for additional criminal offenses against the defendant in the Eastern District of Virginia, except in any prosecution for a crime of violence or conspiracy to commit, or aiding and abetting, a crime of violence (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 16). Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 1B1.8, no truthful information that the defendant provides pursuant to defendant's obligations under this paragraph will be used in determining the applicable guideline range, except as provided in Section 1B1.8(b). Nothing in this agreement, however, restricts the Court's or

Probation Officer's access to information and records in the possession of the United States. Furthermore, nothing in this agreement prevents the United States in any way from prosecuting the defendant should the defendant knowingly provide false, untruthful, or perjurious information or testimony, or from using information provided by the defendant in furtherance of any forfeiture action or restitution enforcement action, whether criminal or civil, administrative or judicial.

16. Breach of the Plea Agreement and Remedies

This agreement is effective when signed by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, and an attorney for the United States. The defendant agrees to entry of this plea agreement at the date and time scheduled with the Court by the United States (in consultation with the defendant's attorney). If the defendant withdraws from this agreement, or commits or attempts to commit any additional federal, state or local crimes, or intentionally gives materially false, incomplete, or misleading testimony or information, or otherwise violates any provision of this agreement, then:

a. The United States will be released from its obligations under this agreement, however, the defendant may not withdraw the guilty plea entered pursuant to this agreement.

b. The defendant will be subject to prosecution for any federal criminal violation, including, but not limited to, perjury and obstruction of justice, that is not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date this agreement is signed. Notwithstanding the subsequent expiration of the statute of limitations, in any such prosecution, the defendant agrees to waive any statute-of-limitations defense.

c. Any prosecution, including the prosecution that is the subject of this agreement, may be premised upon any information provided or statements made by the defendant

and all such information, statements and leads derived therefrom may be used against the defendant. The defendant waives any right to claim that statements made before or after the date of this agreement, including the statement of facts accompanying this agreement or adopted by the defendant and any other statements made pursuant to this or any other agreement with the United States, should be excluded or suppressed under Fed. R. Evid. 410, Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f), the Sentencing Guidelines or any other provision of the Constitution or federal law.

Any alleged breach of this agreement by either party shall be determined by the Court in an appropriate proceeding at which the defendant's disclosures and documentary evidence shall be admissible and at which time the moving party shall be required to establish a breach of the plea agreement by a preponderance of the evidence.

17. Sex Offender Registration


The defendant has been advised, and understands, that under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, a federal law, the defendant must register and keep the registration current in each of the following jurisdictions: where the defendant resides; is an employee; or is a student. The defendant understands that the requirements for registration include providing true name, residence address, and names and addresses of any places where the defendant is or will be an employee or a student, among other information. The defendant further understands that the requirement to keep the registration current includes informing at least one jurisdiction in which the defendant resides, is an employee, or is a student not later than three business days after any change of the defendant's name, residence, employment, or student status. The defendant has been advised, and understands, that failure to comply with these obligations subjects the defendant

to prosecution for failure to register under federal law, Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250, which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

18. Nature of the Agreement and Modifications


This written agreement constitutes the complete plea agreement between the United States, the defendant and the defendant's counsel. The defendant and his attorney acknowledge that no threats, promises or representations have been made, nor agreements reached, other than those set forth in writing in this Plea Agreement, to cause the defendant to plead guilty. Any modification of this Plea Agreement shall be valid only as set forth in writing in a supplemental or revised Plea Agreement signed by all parties.

Jessica D. Aber
United States Attorney

By: 

Lisa R. McKeel
Assistant United States Attorney

APPROVED:



Brian J. Samuels
Managing Assistant United States Attorney

6/7/2023

Date

Defendant's Signature: I hereby agree that I have consulted with my attorney and fully understand all rights with respect to the pending Indictment. Further, I fully understand all rights with respect to 18 U.S.C. § 3553 and the provisions of the Sentencing Guidelines Manual that may apply in my case. I have read this Plea Agreement and carefully reviewed every part of it with my attorney. I understand this agreement and voluntarily agree to it.

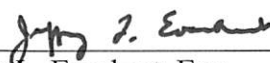
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JUSTIN THOMAS FARISH
Defendant

Defense Counsel Signature: I am counsel for the defendant in this case. I have fully explained to the defendant the defendants' rights with respect to the pending Indictment. Further, I have reviewed 18 U.S.C. § 3553 and the Sentencing Guidelines Manual, and I have fully explained to the defendant the provisions that may apply in this case. I have carefully reviewed every part of this Plea Agreement with the defendant. To my knowledge, the defendant's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

Date: 6/13/23



Jeffrey L. Everhart, Esq.
Counsel for the defendant

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Statement of Special Assessment Account

This statement reflects your special assessment only. There may be other penalties imposed at sentencing.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
CRIM. ACTION NO.:	4:23CR1
DEFENDANT=S NAME:	JUSTIN THOMAS FARISH
PAY THIS AMOUNT:	\$200.00

INSTRUCTIONS:

- MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:**
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
- PAYMENT MUST REACH THE CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE YOUR SENTENCING DATE**
- PAYMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

	In person (9 AM to 4 PM)
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- INCLUDE DEFENDANT'S NAME ON CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**
- ENCLOSE THIS COUPON TO INSURE PROPER and PROMPT APPLICATION OF PAYMENT**

Handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink.